

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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3           A nestable crate for bottles includes a floor portion having a floor top  
4 surface, a floor bottom surface and a plurality of bottle support areas. A wall structure  
5 is connected to the floor portion and forms a containment area therewith. The wall  
6 structure has a peripherally extending upper band portion with an interior surface and  
7 an exterior surface, and also has a single-walled lower wall construction comprising  
8 adjacent column members which extend between the upper band and the floor portion.  
9   The wall structure includes sidewalls and end walls, and adjacent column members  
10 have curved facing surfaces extending inwardly into the containment area. The inner  
11 surface of the upper band portion, one of the plurality of bottle support areas, and the  
12 facing surfaces define a plurality of bottle receiving pockets extending around the  
13 periphery of the wall structure.